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Indian Child Welfare Act Proceedings

AGENCY: Bureau of Indian Affairs, Interior.

ACTION: Announcement of training sessions.

SUMMARY: The Department of the Interior (Department) is hosting training sessions on its regulations implementing the Indian Child Welfare Act (ICWA) for federally recognized Indian Tribes and for State court and child welfare agency personnel. This document announces the dates and locations of the training sessions.

DATES: See the SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION section of this document for dates of the training sessions.

ADDRESSES: See the SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION section of this document for addresses of the training sessions.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

On June 14, 2016, the Department published a final rule on Indian Child Welfare Act proceedings, in implementation of ICWA. *See* 81 FR 38778. To help those affected by the final rule—in particular States courts, State agencies, Tribes, private agencies—to prepare for the December 12, 2016, effective date of the final rule, the Department is offering several training sessions on the final rule.

The following chart shows the current schedule for training sessions. Please check the following website for updates:

<http://www.bia.gov/WhoWeAre/BIA/OIS/HumanServices/index.htm>. This website also includes the training materials and the full text of the regulation.

Date	Time	Type	Location
Monday, August 15, 2016	2:00 p.m.- 4:00 p.m. (ET)	Webinar	Please see website listed above for call-in and log-in information.
Tuesday, August 16, 2016	2:00 p.m.- 4:00 p.m. (ET)	Webinar	Please see website listed above for call-in and log-in information.
Thursday, August 18, 2016	8:30 a.m.- 4:00 p.m. (Local Time)	On-Site	St. Paul, Minnesota – Doubletree St. Paul 411 Minnesota Street St. Paul, MN 55101
Wednesday, August 24, 2016	8:30 a.m.- 4:00 p.m. (Local Time)	On-Site	Oklahoma City, OK – Supreme Court of Oklahoma Judicial Center Auditorium 2100 North Lincoln, Suite 3 Oklahoma City, OK 73105
Wednesday, September 7, 2016	8:30 a.m.- 4:00 p.m. (Local Time)	On-Site	Sacramento, CA – Secretary of State Auditorium 1500 11 th Street Sacramento, CA 95814

Thursday, September 15, 2016	8:30 a.m.- 4:00 p.m. (Local Time)	On-Site	Albany, NY— Empire State Plaza Convention Center Meeting Rooms 2 & 3 Albany, NY 12242
Thursday, September 22, 2016	8:30 a.m.- 4:00 p.m. (Local Time)	On-Site	Pierre, SD – Best Western Ramkota Hotel & Convention Center Amphitheater II 920 West Sioux Ave. Pierre, SD 57501
Wednesday, October 5, 2016	8:30 a.m.- 4:00 p.m. (Local Time)	On-Site	Anchorage, AK – Embassy Suites Hilton Imagine Ballroom 600 E. Benson Blvd. Anchorage, AK 99503
Wednesday, October 19, 2016	8:30 a.m.- 4:00 p.m. (Local Time)	On-Site	Olympia, WA – Legislative Building on the Capitol Campus Columbia Room Sid Snyder and Cherry Lane SW Olympia, WA 98504-1034
Wednesday, November 2, 2016	9:30 a.m.- 5:00 p.m. (Local Time)	On-Site	Phoenix, AZ – Burton Barr Central Library The Pulliam Auditorium 1221 N. Central Avenue Phoenix, AZ 85004
Tuesday, November 15, 2016	2:00 p.m.- 4:00 p.m. (ET)	Webinar	Please see website listed above for call-in and log-in information.
Thursday, November 17, 2016	2:00 p.m.- 4:00 p.m. (ET)	Webinar	Please see website listed above for call-in and log-in information.

At the on-site sessions, trainers will present material during the morning hours, to allow sufficient additional time for discussion.

Each session is open to Tribes, State child welfare agency personnel, and State court personnel. Separate training sessions are being planned for others interested in the new rule and will be announced at a later date. Because space is limited, we ask that you RSVP to comments@bia.gov for each session you plan to attend by submitting your name and the location

(or webinar) you plan to attend. Please also note that some on-site locations are at government facilities that may include security screening, and plan accordingly.

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